Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you following the Prime Minister's briefing last night and the announcement of a phased reopening of schools for particular year groups. Like you, we have only just heard the announcement so at this stage we are not in a position to answer any questions.

As keen as we are to have more children back with us we need to ensure that as far as possible it is safe for the children and staff to do so. Our top priority is the safety of pupils, their families and school staff, safety will have to take priority over any other consideration. All schools are now waiting for further guidance from the Government and the DfE, we are informed that this should be published today. When we have this we will be starting to work out what this means for our school and begin to plan out how we can safely bring the children back onto the site. As soon as we have the plan together we will share it with you. Please remember that the Prime Minister has said that these tentative steps will be kept under review and any plans may change if circumstances change as we move through the next couple of weeks.

In the short term, nothing has changed. We will continue to remain open for children of key workers, those with an EHCP who can socially distance safely and those with social worker involvement. Staff continue working hard to support home learning and we will be introducing a digital learning platform, once staff training has been completed, in the next couple of weeks. In school, our cleaning team is working hard to ensure it is safe for us to be here.

I am confident that you will continue to work with us as we tackle this situation. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these interesting and unique times.

Please remember to Stay Safe, Stay Alert and Stay home

With kind regards

Ms Karen Martin
Headteacher